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Main Entry: pop-u-la-tion 🔊

Pronunciation: "pā-pyē-'lā-shən

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Late Latin *population-*, *populatio*, from Latin *populus*

Date: 1612

1 a : the whole number of people or inhabitants in a country or region
b : the total of individuals occupying an area or making up a whole
c : the total of particles at a particular energy level -- used especially of atoms in a laser

2 : the act or process of **populating**

3 a : a body of persons or individuals having a quality or characteristic in common
b (1) : the organisms inhabiting a particular locality
(2) : a group of interbreeding organisms that represents the level of organization at which speciation begins
4 : a group of individual persons, objects, or items from which samples are taken for statistical measurement

- **pop-u-la-tion-al** 🔊 /-shnəl, -sh&-nəl/ *adjective*

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\&\ as e in <u>kitten</u>	\E\ as ea in <u>easy</u>	\oi\ as oy in <u>boy</u>
\&\ as ur/er in <u>further</u>	\g\ as g in <u>go</u>	\th\ as th in <u>thin</u>
\a\ as a in <u>ash</u>	\l\ as l in <u>hit</u>	\th\ as th in <u>the</u>
\A\ as a in <u>ace</u>	\I\ as I in <u>ice</u>	\oo\ as oo in <u>loot</u>
\&\ as o in <u>mop</u>	\j\ as j in <u>job</u>	\oo\ as oo in <u>foot</u>
\au\ as ou in <u>out</u>	\ng\ as ng in <u>sing</u>	\y\ as y in <u>yet</u>
\ch\ as ch in <u>chin</u>	\O\ as o in <u>go</u>	\zh\ as sl in <u>vision</u>

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